## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

GRETCHEN S. STUART, M.D., et al.,	
Plaintiffs,	) Case No. 1:11-cv-00804
v.	) DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ) EXTENSION OF TIME TO
JANICE E. HUFF, M.D., et al.,	) ANSWER SECOND AMENDED ) COMPLAINT
Defendants.	)

Pursuant to Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants respectfully move the Court for a seven (7) day extension of time to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint. In support thereof, Defendants state:

- 1. On March 8, 2012, the parties stipulated to the filing of Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint.
- 2. On March 9, 2012, Plaintiffs filed a Motion to File an Amended Complaint.
- 3. On March 12, 2012, the parties received an email from the CM/ECF system indicating that Plaintiffs' Motion was referred to Magistrate Judge Auld.
- 4. Earlier today, on March 22, 2012, the parties were notified via the CM/ECF system that Magistrate Judge Auld granted the Motion for Leave to

Amend and deemed Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint filed as of March 8, 2012.

5. Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, parties have fourteen (14) days to respond to an amended complaint. Therefore, if the complaint is deemed filed as of March 8, 2012, Defendants' responsive pleading would be due today (March 22, 2012).

6. Defendants need an additional seven (7) days to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint. Defendants respectfully request that they be permitted to file an answer or other responsive pleading on or before March 29, 2012.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of March 2012.

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